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Art Unit: 1641

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Sir:

This is a

[ ] Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR §1.53(d);

[X] Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 (prosecution of the application is closed in the sense of 37 CFR §1.114(b));

[ ] Divisional Continuation Application (parent not abandoned) under 37 CFR §1.53(b);

[ ] Divisional Application (parent being abandoned) under 37 CFR §1.53(d);

of pending prior application Serial No. 09/694,241, filed Octoer 23, 2000

for [Title as filed]: DEXTRAN-COATED SURFACE

[Amended Title]: same

by [Inventors]: Nicole BARIE, Jean GOBET, Michael RAPP, and Hans SIGRIST

1. [] A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.

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- 2. [] Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.
- 3. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

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- 4. [X] A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed (Ck#/7/77).

  THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 160331.
- 5. [] Cancel in this application claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
- 6. [] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
  --This is a [] Continuation [] Division of application Serial No. 09/694,241 filed Octoer 23, 2000.--
- 7. [] Please enter in the present application the Amendment Under 37 CFR \$1.116 with any attachments filed on in this application which was not entered therein.
- 8. [X] Priority of foreign application(s) No. 18 18 360.7, filed April 24, 1998 in Germany is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
  - [X] The certified copy was filed in PCT/EP99/02589.
  - [ ] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.
- 9. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe GmbH and Centre Suisse d'Electronique et de Microtechnique S.A. Recorded at Reel \_\_\_\_\_\_, Frame \_\_\_\_\_\_.

- 10. [X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Klaus Bach, KLAUS J. BACH & ASSOCIATES, Registration No. 26,832:
  - [X] a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
  - [ ] b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
  - [X] c. Address all future communications to

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- 11. [ ] An Application Data Sheet is enclosed.
- 12. [X] An Amendment is enclosed herewith.
- 13. [ ] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
- 14 [X] This application is not entitled to Small Entity Status.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Further to the Request For Reconsideration filed September 13, 2003, please undertake the following changes: